

**MICROCHIP  
APPROVAL**

A licensee/registrant must receive approval to use a microchip implant as the official form of identification for dogs/cats.

The licensee/registrant must request and receive approval from the appropriate Regional Office to use a microchip implant as the official form of identification for dogs and cats.

The licensee/registrant should complete a **ARequest to Use Microchipping as a Method of Identification@** sheet (see next page) with the following information:

- X manufacturer and/or model of the microchip and reader
- X location of the microchip on the animals  
Note: The placement must be consistent from animal to animal.
- X an assurance that the following requirements will be met:
  - < the microchip scanner must be readily available to the APHIS representative
  - < animal identification records must indicate the microchip number, location on the animal, and the name of the microchip manufacturer
  - < any animal with a microchip that goes to another USDA licensee or registrant must have an official tag/tattoo if a compatible scanner is not available at the receiving facility

The Request sheet should be submitted to the appropriate Regional Office for approval.

You, the inspector, may review the Request sheet for the licensee/registrant to make sure it is completed properly and accurately.

## **Request to Use Microchipping as a Method of Identification**

Name of Business:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

USDA Lic./Reg. Number\_\_\_\_\_ USDA Tattoo# (if any)\_\_\_\_\_

### **Microchip Information:**

Manufacturer and/or Model of Microchip and Reader\_\_\_\_\_

Location of Microchip (For example: left side of neck)

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\* The location of the chip must be consistent from animal to animal

### **I accept and understand that:**

The microchip scanner must be readily available to APHIS officials.

Animal identification records must indicate the microchip number, the manufacturer of the chip, and the approximate location of the microchip in the animal.

When sold or given to another regulated facility, animals with a microchip must have an official tag or tattoo if the new facility does not have a compatible scanner.

APHIS may revoke an approval at any time if the microchipping system is discovered to be ineffective.

**Licensee/Registrant Signature**\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

### **Inspector concurs with approval:**

**Inspector Signature**\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by APHIS Official**\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_